

NEW JERSEY URBAN LEAGUE

EXECUTIVE COM.

APRIL 4th, 1919.

A special meeting of the N. J. Urban League was held at 2:30 P.M. on the above date at 213 Bank Street— Dr. W. H. Vail, President of the League presided. Those present were Mr. C. M. Brown, Mr. Carl Bannwart, Mrs. Stephen R. C. Jenkinson, Mr. Van B. Powell, Mr. James Rev. H. E. Spearman, Miss Helen B. Brown, Mrs. Turner of the National Miss Virginia Pendleton, Rev. R. D. New York, former member of the Board of Moines, Iowa— and confirmed. In the absence of the Treasurer, the Secretary read his report which was ordered filed with the minutes.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Under "Old Business" it was reported that Miss Pendleton had spoken to Miss Van Kleek concerning a survey of the colored women in Industry in Newark— no letter or has been written yet. Suggested that this be taken up as soon as possible. It was further reported that with regard to the Miss Pendleton, Vice President of Morgan College, Baltimore, has another engagement for that night. Major Everett Colby has accepted with pleasure. Also Mr. Valentine of Bordentown has reported that he will send a quartet from his school to furnish the singing. Hon. Charles M. Anderson, a noted public man of New York, has been asked to be the principal speaker. He has not yet accepted. Rev. Mrs. Byrd of Jersey City also has not yet been secured to speak. Miss Pendleton reported she had written Mr. W. Stewart and Dr. Alexander as requested by the Executive Committee. They have not yet answered her letters.

Under "New Business" Miss Pinyon's letter of resignation as follows, was read:

March 31, '19.

To the Executive Committee of
the N. J. Urban League:

It is with great regret that I offer my resignation as associate secretary of the N. J. Urban League. My only reason for resigning is that the after effects of the illness I am recovering will make it necessary for me to seek work of an entirely different rest of this year.

With deep appreciation of the many opportunities in the Newark work and with gratitude for the chance to have been associated with it for a time."

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) Josephine V. Pinyon.

It was moved, seconded and carried, that the Secretary notify Miss Pinyon that the Executive Committee accepts her resignation with deep regret and sends her earnest thanks for the work she has done for the Society while with us. The Board also expresses the hope that she will soon be restored to complete health. It was also voted that Miss Pinyon's salary be continued during the whole of her illness until the time of her resignation.

Miss Pendleton reported that Mr. Eugene Minckle Jones, of the National League who has done so much for us, offers to send one of his valuable assistants, Mrs. Turner, in charge of the work temporarily until after the election. Mrs. Turner's experience making her in charge of several missions, this work. Each member of the Executive Committee capable of being notified of this offer on behalf of the committee has already seconded, and carried, the motion in Jones' part. It was moved, Mr. Jones expressing the desire of the N. J. Urban League to pay the National League, giving that the N. J. Urban League will pay Mrs. Turner the same salary given Miss Pinyon for services.

An important question was then brought for discussion as follows: Miss Virginia Robinson, who is now in the employ of the National Board of the Y.W.C.A., in Iowa, and is now paying a visit to us in Newark, comes to us with the suggestion that the League formally request the War Council of the Y.W.C.A. to send two women workers to Newark to take charge of a recreation center for girls. With the present plant that the League owns, i. e. - a house at 212 Bank Street, it could undoubtedly be successfully started and put on its feet if the National War Council took this over for six months. At the end of that time the work should have grown so into the minds and hearts of the people that when the War Council withdraws, as it probably will be the first of January, the Newark Y.W.C.A. might take it over and there would thus be established a real branch of this work so long needed here. If not, the League itself could continue it. In the discussion which followed,

Mr. James Dusenberry [redacted] as to the outcome [redacted] also inquired as to [redacted] the outcome of the [redacted] Wheatley Club of [redacted] already talked it [redacted] concurring. Mr. [redacted] spoke in favor of [redacted] be a wise move on [redacted] Mr. Turner from [redacted] assured the Executive [redacted] on our part to [redacted] it up. The Urban [redacted] it not only a spec [redacted] they are doing to [redacted] it and carry it on [redacted] the New York League [redacted] Big Sister Movement [redacted] until they could [redacted] therefore moved, [redacted] Committee of the [redacted] Council of the Nat [redacted] a recreation center [redacted] then their building [redacted] a rental of \$150. League shall have [redacted] expected to resume [redacted] for the warm coop [redacted]

The question [redacted] what the League [redacted] of courtesy to Mr. [redacted] present duty as [redacted] up the question [redacted] The present status [redacted] to the Dept. [redacted] It would be unfair [redacted] the appropriation [redacted] colored employees [redacted] continues in his [redacted] cut off it may be [redacted] up as a State [redacted] now and there is [redacted] put another Negro [redacted] his position to be [redacted] or not, and as [redacted] risk by continuing [redacted] that there shall be [redacted] Mr. Barnhart never [redacted] question of Mr. [redacted] League be left wi [redacted]

questioned Miss Robinson very closely such work. The Rev. Mr. R. D. Brown the relation of the present Phyllis [redacted] in work. It was explained that the Phyllis [redacted] which was started by Miss Robinson has [redacted] with Miss [redacted] Robinson, the original members [redacted] Mr. C. H. Brown, and Mr. Powell, [redacted] plan. Dr. Vail also thought it would [redacted] part to strive to make this plan a success. [redacted] experience, with the National League [redacted] Committee [redacted] that there is no real [redacted] in this work, should the War Council give [redacted]ague's policy has always been to consider [redacted] l privilege but a duty to turn over any work [redacted] other group of people who will assume [redacted] in a proper way. She cited for example, [redacted] work in starting the Big Brother and [redacted] the League having assumed responsibility [redacted] it where it really belonged. It was [redacted] ended, and carried, that the Executive [redacted] Jersey Urban League request the War [redacted] National Branch of the Y.W.C.A. to establish [redacted] for girls in Newark, the League offering [redacted] at 212 Newark Street, for six months, at [redacted] month within the understanding that the [redacted] office [redacted] this building and that it is not [redacted] any responsibility for this work, except [redacted] action and [redacted] friendly help it can give.

[redacted] was then brought before the Board, concerning [redacted] will do with regard to its other work. Out [redacted] Ashby who expects the Board to discuss his [redacted] executive of the League, the Board then brought [redacted] his duty towards Mr. Ashby's present job. [redacted] of the U. S. Department of Labor, with re- [redacted] Negro Economic is apparently uncertain. [redacted] mate perhaps [redacted] on the first of July when [redacted] be suddenly discontinued there is no [redacted] the Dept. of Labor here. If Mr. Ashby [redacted] position until then and the appropriation is [redacted] more likely that the Department will take it [redacted] and continue in his office. If he resigns [redacted] one in his place, the Department may not [redacted] into the work. It is highly desirable that [redacted] continues [redacted] whether filled by himself [redacted] position is open here, he will run no risk [redacted] his present work until it is filled. A [redacted] Negro worker to work for the [redacted] which was [redacted] and [redacted] people. [redacted] by's recommendation of [redacted] and, that the [redacted] Mr. [redacted] [redacted] duty with the [redacted] Jones of the National [redacted]

league and Mr. Ashby himself to advise the Executive Committee which can then take up the matter for final decision.

Mrs. Turner brought up that at the meeting on the cooperation of the Phyllis Wheatley Club and the Sub Committee from the Board, the question of charging certain sums for holding meetings was brought up. Also the Phyllis Wheatley treasurer wishes to deposit money every other week with the treasurer instead of every week as it is now doing. It was suggested that all these matters are really in the hands of the Committee for decision. The Chairman of this Committee was not present so no report was presented.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Helen Pendleton
Secretary.

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